Annex

Letter dated 21 December 1993 from the Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to take the opportunity of the advent of Christmas and the Christian New Year to send you my best wishes and warmest felicitations and to pray God Almighty to make this a happy occasion with the people of the world enjoying peace and security.

Permit me to recall once again on this occasion the harm suffered by the Libyan Arab people as a result of the unjust sanctions imposed on it by the resolutions of the international Security Council in a case that is now five years old and in which the charge is still unproven. Perhaps the best evidence of that is what is currently being circulated in the Western media, for example, in the book by the former United States Intelligence officer Tracking the Octopus or the statements by the director of the Swiss electronics company demolishing the main foundation on which the charge against the two nationals of the Jamahiriya was based.

On this occasion, I should like to affirm my country's position, which is based on the need to arrive at the truth in this matter with the necessary speed through a just and fair trial in a neutral country. This accords with what I stated in my letter to you dated 8 December, which set forth the efforts and initiatives being undertaken both by the fraternal Republic of Tunisia and the fraternal Arab Republic of Egypt.

I should also like you to do everything in your power to prevail upon the Western parties to accept our proposals promptly, for the sake of the victims' families and the Libyan Arab people, in the hope that the international Security Council will lift all the sanctions currently imposed on it as soon as it becomes cognizant of our efforts to arrive at a final solution of this problem, one that will serve international legitimacy and the interests of all parties.

Undoubtedly, your efforts will greatly influence arrival at a reconciliation between the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter and respect for the national sovereignty of States, and the peaceful termination of this crisis as soon as possible.

In conclusion, may I convey to you our gratitude and appreciation for the efforts that you have made in this case.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Omar Mustafa EL-MUNTASSER
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